

Who Wants A 20-Hour Work Week?



LEISURE INTERVIEW—Dr. Arthur Barron, left, collects information for a radio program devoted to the 20-hour work week from Torrance residents. Here he is interviewing Mrs. Joseph Canby, secretary of the YWCA and Joe Wilcox, secretary of the YMCA on their opinions. Dr. Barron, a sociologist, says that those he interviewed are divided on the desirability of the short work week. Press Photo

Will Torrance resident like a 20-hour work week? "Not necessarily," says a man who has asked that question to a cross-section of over 100 persons here in the past few days.

He is Dr. Arthur Barron, a sociologist, who is a staff member for the Edward R. Murrow radio program "Hidden Revolution."

"Opinion seems to be sharply divided," he pointed out Monday after he had taped enough interviews for a 40-hour program.

Dr. Barron points out that he has not reached any definite conclusions from conversations he has conducted with workers, civic leaders, city officials, police, recreation officials and teenagers.

Torrance residents were interviewed for a Dec. 17 broad-

cast over the Columbia Broadcasting System entitled "The 20-hour Week."

Dr. Barron explained that with the progress of automation, the work week will shrink drastically, and the program seeks to determine what people will do with the additional leisure time.

Although on first thought the reduction of the time spent at work would seem appealing, the additional leisure will bring many problems.

"Some people said they will be confused, frightened and unhappy by the additional free time," Dr. Barron points out.

Some of the worries that confront them include the problems whether there will be enough recreational facilities or sufficient roads to travel with the additional burden placed on these facilities.

He pointed out that the main reason that the interviews were conducted here, is because Longren Aircraft of Torrance has been experimenting with a three-day week once a month by rescheduling its work week.

Dr. Barron's investigation determined that the long weekend was quite popular at first, but that employees have recently changed their minds and have voted to return to a regular schedule next year.

"Some of the men told us that with the extra leisure time, they wound up doing the housework," he said.

Another reason for the surprising change in attitude appears that employees feel strange when they are off and everybody else is working, he added.

Some police officers have told Dr. Barron that they fear that time may weigh so heavy on some people that they might direct their extra energies into crime.

"Police feel that the leisure could become a tremendous problem unless used properly," he said.

From a sociologist's point of view, he also believes that larger families will result from the additional leisure.

Dr. Barron emphasizes that the pros and cons on the short work week, do not seem to follow any set pattern by age group or income bracket.

He says that those favoring a shorter work week, feel they can spend their time usefully, by being creative and engage in arts that bring self-expression.

The interviewer said that

Torrance recreation officials told him that there is a greater demand for such courses as mosaics, fine art and ceramics.

He points out that although the 20-hour week is probably still 50 to 75 years away, a shorter schedule is definitely in the making, particularly through automation.

Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers, who has studied the advent of automation thoroughly, will also be on the 30-minute program.

There is one problem several persons pointed out to Dr. Barron. That is, once the regular work week is cut down to 20 hours, a great number of people will take a second job to take up their supposed leisure time.

Council Declares Independence from British... for Torrance

South Torrance Building Slow-Down Urged by Chief

A go-slow policy in issuing final approval for buildings in South Torrance was urged today by Fire Chief J. J. Benner as a result of low water pressure which might have increased damage during a recent house fire. The fire on Nov. 8, gutted the home of Mrs. Marguerite Givens, of 23811 Eshelman St.

Fire fighters confirmed that they may have lost five minutes while trying to boost the water pressure sufficiently to fight the blaze.

Asks Waiver

The problem kicked up before the City Council Tuesday, when Harold R. Duncan, who constructed three homes at 2330, 2350 and 2316 W. 227th St., asked for a waiver in order to obtain final approval for the houses from the building department.

He said through his attorney, Alfred G. Cagle, that the building department has required him to install booster pumps in the three houses, at a cost of \$600, before he can receive final approval.

Building Superintendent Lee Schless said that the area is served by the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. and that water pressure for Duncan's houses is only 11 pounds, whereas the Uniform Plumbing code provides a 15-pound minimum.

Sanitary Problem

He said that the minimum is set so that plumbing will operate properly, and if a waiver is granted, it might pose a sanitary problem for the area.

Duncan pointed out that Water Superintendent Angus McVicar informed him that the city intends to take over the private water company into the municipal system if the City Council approves it, and that at that time boosters will no longer be needed.

Want U.S. Rule In Election Reform Rule

Torrance councilmen want no part of the British Parliament, they let it be known Tuesday night as they studied reforms for municipal election laws.

They more or less brushed aside a suggestion by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier that candidates for city office pay a fee for filing to assure that only qualified persons run for political jobs.

He explained that candidates for the British House of Commons are required to deposit such a fee which is later returned to them.

"My forefathers left the old country to get away from the House of Commons," snorted Councilman Victor Benstead in opposing the fee.

Barney Miller

Remelmeier had proposed the fee law after investigating the last municipal election in which Barney Miller, a candidate for city clerk, was disqualified because he had not resided here for the required year. Although the error was discovered before the election, Miller's name still appeared on the ballot.

"It isn't the money," declared Mayor Albert Ison. "If candidates were required to sign a sworn statement we wouldn't have this Alice in Wonderland travesty."

He suggested that a written statement be signed by candidates, and that if a fee is required, that this would be used as a bono to assure cleanup of election posters.

No Donations

The mayor also wants a change which will prohibit candidates to receive campaign contributions from city employees, who are already barred by the charter from donating to the campaign fund.

Councilman George Bradford suggested that the city clerk's and city attorney's office be responsible for checking on the qualifications of candidates.

But Remelmeier wanted no part of that.

"It would be an abuse of power, this should be up to the courts," the attorney declared.

The council finally voted to have Remelmeier take another crack at preparing a charter amendment incorporating their thoughts, and bring it back to them sometime in the future.

Police Posse Seeks Rustlers

Police were forming a posse this week to catch a pair of rustlers who stole a bull calf from a dairy herd at 3304 Del Amo Blvd.

Cornie de Graf, owner of the one-month-old black and white Holstein, said the badmen apparently climbed over the fence and lifted the animal over the fence to make their get-away.

The calf was valued at \$50.

Key Appointments For Legion Post Made by Gateley

David K. Lyman, an attorney of 3271 Torrance Blvd., is the new Americanism chairman of Bert S. Crossland Post 170 American Legion.

A native Californian, Lyman will be in charge of a committee which will seek to place greater emphasis on patriotic holiday observations in Torrance and work with school awards programs, said Commander J. Rome Gateley, who appointed him.

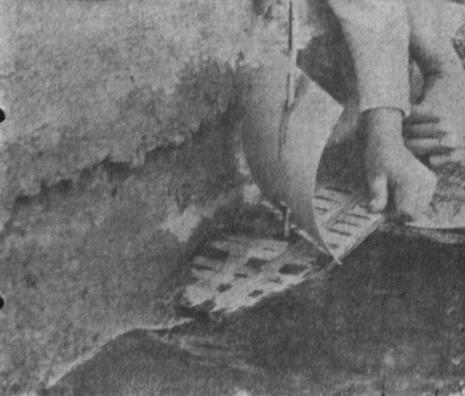
Lyman is an SC graduate and served in Navy aviation during World War II. He is married to an English war bride who will become a U.S. citizen Dec. 1.

Another post appointment was that of John Ellis, Jr., a native of Czechoslovakia and Army veteran of World War I as adjutant.

Gateley announced that a post commanders and old-timers night will be held March 18, as the outstanding evening of the year. Jack Flynn, Department Commander will attend the banquet.

LONGREN MERGER SEEN

John A. Lawler, president of Torronca Manufacturing Corporation of Middletown, Ohio, and Hampden Wentworth, president of Longren Aircraft Company, Inc., of Torrance, announced today that a merger of the two companies was being negotiated.



AHOY, SAILORS—Setting sails for the annual single boat Regatta to be held at Alondra Park Lake tomorrow are Robert Fulmer, 6, and his sister, Karen, 8. Boats from all over the county will be entered in the event. Press Photo

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Check Artist Lams With 'Other' Woman



LADIES DAY—Rev. John L. Taylor, minister of the First Methodist Church of Torrance prepares to engage in the traditional art of carving the Thanksgiving turkey as his wife and three daughters eagerly wait for their holiday meal. Waiting for dad to dish out the bird are from left, Kathleen, 15, Virginia, 11, Rev. Taylor, Mrs. Taylor, and Marilyn, 13. Press Photo

Payroll Forgery Reported

A Torrance man who allegedly financed a cross-country romance with the mother of three children after abandoning his bride of five weeks, is sought today by Torrance police for the forgery of more than \$2700 in stolen payroll checks.

Det. Sgt. Mickey Fischer said that 40 payroll checks were stolen from the Louis Dunn Construction Co., contractors for the Broadway Department Store, over the Veterans Day holiday Nov. 11.

Twelve of these checks were passed in stores in Torrance and surrounding areas during the next three days.

Uses Office

Eleven of the checks were made out for \$241 each while the other was for \$191.32. Fischer said that the check protector and typewriter in the contracting office were identified as the ones used to forge the checks.

The detective said that victims of the burn checks have identified the photos of a 31-year-old Torrance welder as the man who passed the checks. He was not an employee of Dunn's.

Fischer said that after bouncing the checks, four of them at Torrance stores, the suspect purchased a Cadillac for his girlfriend and took off with her and her three daughters.

The officer said that the suspect left his bride to whom he had been married only five weeks.

Bank Officials

The forgeries were discovered by officials of the bank who noticed a discrepancy in the signatures on the forged checks.

The checks had been ripped from the back of the company's check book.

The suspect dated the checks Nov. 12, which was the regular pay day at the construction company. Most of the checks were passed at markets.

Fischer said he will ask that a warrant be issued for the suspect, who faces extradition if arrested.

Man Dies in Fog Accident

A Torrance man was killed when his auto smashed into the front of a dump truck during a blanket of fog early Monday morning.

Dead on arrival at Bon-Aire Hospital was John Raymond Malone, 21, of 1607 W. 208th St., whose car smashed head on into a dump truck at Main St. and Artesia Blvd., according to deputy sheriffs.

Officers said Malone was driving at high speed in the dense fog, when he crashed into the dump truck, pulling a trailer, in the middle of the three-lane street.

The driver of the truck, Eugene W. Roberts, 41, of Baldwin Park was not injured and not held, deputies said.

Edna M. Mark, 68, of 4134 Redondo Beach Blvd. is in Gardena Community Hospital with a skull fracture and head cuts, after she was struck by an auto Monday afternoon at Prairie Ave. and Redondo Beach Blvd., officers said.

The car was driven by George Lyman Carpenter, 74, of Hermosa Beach, police reported.

In a collision at Hawthorne Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy., Mary Melvin, 33, of Long Beach, passenger in the car driven by her husband, Bertram W., 34, was injured, police said.

Laurette Victoria Tampa, 39, of 253 Calle de Madrid, Hollywood Riviera, was injured when her car collided with that of John M. Nishimoto, 21, of 24430 Ward St., officers said. The collision took place at Newton St. and Ocean Ave.

Ken Miller Elected Head of Local Realty Board

Ken Miller will be installed as president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors Dec. 4 at a banquet in the Plush Horse.

The realtor, of 1955 Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita, will succeed Harry Bowker to the top spot in the organization.

Other new officers are Del Vaughn, vice president, Rose Craig, secretary, and Paul Hill, treasurer.

Newly elected directors are R. D. (Bill) McEwen, Jack Pettit, Del Wright, Gerald Alter and Harry Bowker.

Fred Mill, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, will be the speaker at the 7:30 dinner, which will be preceded by a social hour.

Tom Wilkes of the Title Insurance and Trust Co. will serve as master of ceremonies at the installation dinner, announced Bob Haggard, chairman of the event.

Reservations for the dinner may be made by calling Joan Wilkesen at the board office, DA 6-3010.

During the past year Miller served as vice president of the organization.

Turk Official To Visit Here On Sister Plan

Although Konya, Turkey, officials have not yet formally accepted a bid to become Torrance's sister-city, a top Turkish official will come here early next month.

Nejat Sonmez, director of Turkish Information, from San Francisco, will meet with members of the City to City Committee Dec. 8.

At that time he is expected to tour Torrance and confer with officials about the international friendship program.

Recently the City Council dispatched a formal resolution to Konya, inviting a cultural exchange program under auspices of the U.S. State Department.

Woman Faints While Phoning Doctor's Office

A North Torrance woman apparently suffered a heart attack while she was talking to the doctor on the telephone Monday afternoon.

Police said they received a call from Dr. Charles La France of Redondo Beach, advising them that Martha Sherwood, of 17204 Ardath Ave., had fainted while she was conversing with her.

She was taken to Riviera Hospital.

Gets Jail Term

A Lawndale man was sentenced to 30 days in jail and was placed on probation for 30 years Monday on a charge that he obtained a new driver's license after his original one was suspended.

Judge Donald Armstrong imposed the sentence on Robert Lyman Casteel, 20, of 15724 Firmona Ave.

COMPLETES TRAINING

Pvt. Lydia M. Contreras, daughter of Mrs. Mary R. Contreras, 103 W. 226th St., recently completed eight weeks of basic military training at the Women's Army Corps Center, Fort MeClellan, Ala.

Mrs. Pennington Has Big Success With Dinner Set

Mrs. J. H. Pennington, of 1121 Elm St., says she is quite grateful for the good results she obtained through a Torrance Press classified ad.

She offered a Duncan Phyfe dining set through the want ad columns of this newspaper, and received at least a dozen calls for the set.

If you have something to sell, buy or rent, call a Torrance Press advertiser at FA 8-2345 for quick and courteous service.

Mailman Wins Jury Trial on Speeding Charge

Frank L. Young of Lawndale was still in the running for a traffic safety award after he convinced a jury in Torrance Municipal Court that police had cited the wrong car for speeding.

Young, a mailman, insisted that California Highway Patrol officers who wrote him a ticket for going 50 in a 35 m.p.h. zone on Rosecrans Ave. were really after another station wagon of similar make, which got away.

He produced photos of the street and a speedometer check-out certificate to contradict the case against him presented by Dep. District Atty. Robert A. Frazier.

Following a 45-minute deliberation, the 10 women and two men found him not guilty and Judge Donald Armstrong ordered his \$25 bail returned.

Young told court-attaches that he has gone four years and six months without an accident or citation, and wants to get his five-year safe driving award from the Post Office.

Mayor, Council To Leave for Boston Confab

No City Council meeting is scheduled next Tuesday since only one councilman will be in Torrance.

Mayor Albert Ison and the other five councilmen will be in Boston to attend the annual American Municipal Association.

Councilman Nicholas O. Dralle will be the only member of the council who will not go on the trip for which expenses up to \$700 each were voted.

Ison said that the trip will not be a "junket" but that topics to be discussed at the convention will prove valuable for members of the council.

Easement Granted

The U.S. Steel Corp. has granted the city an easement needed for the widening of Arlington Ave. south of 203rd St., City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop reported this week.

The city plans to extend and widen Arlington south from 190th St. through the General Petroleum Corp. and Dominguez property as another major traffic artery.